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A Bill to Create the Transpacific Security Organization to Counter Chinese Expansionism

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will create the Transpacific Security Organization(TSO) to
2 formally counteract Chinese expansionism and intimidation in Asia. The TSO will follow a
3 collective defense principle to counter any Chinese intimidation or invasion onto the
4 territorial integrity of the nation.

5 **SECTION 2.** **A.** The TSO will follow a collective defense principle where any acts of war
6 from a non-member state onto a member will result in a joint defensive
7 response to defend the ally nation and ensure its self-determination.

8 **B.** The founding members of the organization will consist of: Japan,
9 Australia, Taiwan, South Korea, the Philippines, and the United States of
10 America. Any further expansion of the organization will require consensus
11 from $\frac{3}{4}$ of the member states for admission.

12 **C.** In the case of Chinese expansionism in the South China Sea or
13 intimidation of member states, the TSO will convene to decide on the
14 official course of action by all members.

15 **D.** Joint defensive response will be defined as any economic and military
16 measures to protect the full territorial integrity of a nation, including, but
17 not limited to economic sanctions, arms shipment, and deployment of
18 military force.

19 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Defense (DOD) will oversee enforcement
20 along with the specific enforcement mechanism.

21 **A.** The DOD will collaborate with the founding members to formalize this
22 organization and enter into a collective defense treaty according to this
23 legislation.

24 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in
25 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Mandate Veterinarians to Report Suspicions of Animal Cruelty

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any licensed veterinarian who comes to suspect that an animal may be the victim of
3 criminal abuse or neglect must report that suspicion to appropriate law enforcement
4 within 48 hours. It is the responsibility of each licensed veterinarian to understand what
5 conduct rises to the level of criminal abuse or neglect where they practice.

6 **SECTION 2.** State veterinary medical boards, as well as those in U.S. territories and the federal
7 district, are called upon to suspend or revoke the licensure of any veterinarian found to
8 have failed in this duty, with the decision to suspend or revoke depending on context,
9 severity, and recidivism. Any veterinary medical board that fails to hold its veterinarians
10 accountable may become subject to federal overhaul.

11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Justice, which will coordinate with
12 local law enforcement agencies to promote its enforcement.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Place a Tax on Carbon Emissions to Protect the Environment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. shall implement a carbon tax of \$50 per metric ton of carbon
2 emitted at the source.

3 **SECTION 2.** Carbon tax shall be defined as a tax placed on all businesses emitting
4 carbon into the atmosphere through the burning of fossil fuels.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Energy
6 (DOE), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall oversee the implementation of this
7 legislation.

8 **A.** All revenue shall be given to the DOE's budget for the research of new
9 renewable energy sources.

10 **B.** The IRS shall enforce the carbon tax on all businesses emitting carbon
11 through the burning of fossil fuels.

12 **C.** The EPA shall provide Congress an annual report on the effects this
13 legislation is having on the environment.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2025. All laws in conflict
15 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Phase Out Asphalt and Establish Sustainable Alternatives to Combat Urban Heat Islands

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The widespread use of asphalt in urban areas is contributing to the
2 formation of heat islands, exacerbating rising temperatures, and
3 negatively impacting the quality of life for city residents; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Asphalt, with its heat-absorbing properties, leads to increased
5 temperatures in densely populated areas, contributing to heat related
6 illnesses, increased energy consumption for cooling, and environmental
7 degradation; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The detrimental effects of asphalt on urban environments necessitate the
9 development of sustainable alternatives that mitigate the urban heat
10 island effect, reduce energy consumption, and enhance overall livability;
11 now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled calls upon the Environmental
13 Protection Agency, in consultation with experts and in collaboration with
14 relevant federal, state, and local agencies, shall develop a plan to phase
15 out asphalt in urban infrastructure and promote sustainable alternatives,
16 considering cost-effectiveness and environmental benefits; and, be it
- 17 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That annual progress reports and updates on the phase-out of
18 asphalt and the adoption of sustainable alternatives shall be provided to
19 Congress by the Environmental Protection Agency, allowing for ongoing
20 oversight and evaluation of the initiative's effectiveness.

A Resolution to Encourage Municipalities to Adopt Cute, Charismatic Mascots

1 **WHEREAS** Cute, charismatic mascots that represent municipalities, such as Japan’s *yuru-chara*
2 (ゆるキャラ), have provided enormous boosts to hometown pride and resulted in
3 incredible economic opportunities for those locales; and
4 **WHEREAS** Many municipalities in the United States and its territories could stand to benefit
5 enormously from such a phenomenon; now, therefore be it
6 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that municipalities throughout the U.S. and its
7 territories are strongly encouraged to design and adopt cute, charismatic mascots as
8 representatives and to employ those mascots to generate pride and enthusiasm and to
9 promote economic activity; and be it
10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress suggests municipalities reach out to Japanese prefecture
11 governments such as that of Kumamoto for support in designing compelling mascots and
12 marketing them tactfully and effectively.

A Bill to Increase the Minimum Wage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The federal minimum wage shall be increased to \$15 for all covered non-
2 exempt employees working in the United States. It will then henceforth be indexed to
3 inflation using the Consumer Price Index.

4 **SECTION 2.** The federal minimum wage shall be increased steadily every year,
5 starting at a \$0.75 increase the first fiscal year followed by a \$1 increase every
6 subsequent fiscal year until a \$15 minimum wage is reached.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Labor shall oversee the implementation
8 of this legislation.

9 **A.** The Bureau of Labor Statistics shall be responsible for determining the
10 Consumer Price Index used for indexing the minimum wage to inflation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2025. All laws in conflict
12 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Promote the Construction of Ring Routes in Public Transit Systems

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Over the course of the next decade, Congress shall apportion an additional \$10 billion to
3 the Department of Transportation for the express purpose of supporting the nation's
4 urban areas in adding ring routes to their public transit systems.

5 **SECTION 2.** A ring route is defined as a line of urban rail transit that connects non-central
6 neighborhoods of a city without traversing the city center.

7 **SECTION 3.** Funding for this legislation shall be sourced from a 0.5% tax increase on the annual
8 revenue of the fossil fuel industry.

9 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Transportation shall be tasked with implementation of this legislation,
10 including setting up a process by which local public transit systems may apply for and
11 receive these funds. The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee the implementation of
12 Section 3.

13 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

14 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Aid for Syria's Humanity (ASH) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall allocate funds to provide both financial support to the
2 Syrian National Coalition (SNC) and humanitarian aid to those affected by the
3 conflict, with the primary objective of defeating the Assad regime, stabilizing
4 Syria, and ensuring the well-being of the Syrian population.

5 **SECTION 2.**

6 A. This financial assistance for the SNC shall have an allocated budget of \$50 million
7 annually for the next five years. These funds shall be used to bolster the
8 opposition forces, enhance their capacity, and promote their efforts to establish a
9 democratic government in Syria.

10 B. This humanitarian assistance shall have an allocated budget of \$100 million
11 annually for the next five years. This assistance shall include, but not be limited to,
12 food, shelter, medical care, and education.

13 **SECTION 3.**

14 A. The Department of State shall oversee the allocation of the financial support,
15 ensuring that it is utilized in support of the Syrian National Coalition's efforts to
16 establish a democratic government and promote peace and stability in Syria.

17 B. The Defense Intelligence Agency shall provide intelligence and analysis support to
18 identify areas of need and ensure the safe delivery of aid.

19 C. The Department of Justice shall oversee the distribution of this humanitarian aid,
20 ensuring it reaches those in need without diversion or misuse.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2024.

22 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

An Act to Award a Posthumous Congressional Gold Medal to Henry Kissinger

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the
3 Senate shall make appropriate arrangements for the posthumous award, on behalf of
4 Congress, of a gold medal of appropriate design to Henry Kissinger, in recognition of his
5 exceptionally consequential service to the United States as Secretary of State and
6 National Security Advisor for two separate administrations, as Chair of the 9/11
7 Commission, and in many other capacities.

8 **SECTION 2.** As soon as may be arranged, this award shall be presented to Henry Kissinger’s widow,
9 Nancy Kissinger, at a ceremony planned for this purpose.

10 **SECTION 3.** For the purpose of the award referred to in Section 1, the Secretary of the Treasury
11 (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable
12 emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary.

13 **SECTION 4.** There is authorized to be charged against the United States Mint Public Enterprise Fund
14 such amounts as may be necessary to pay for the costs of the medals struck under this
15 Act. The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal described in
16 Section 2 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient to
17 cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dyes, use of machinery, and overhead
18 expenses, and the cost of the gold medal. The amounts received from the sale of
19 duplicate medals shall be deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise Fund.

A Bill to End International Labor Exploitations

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All companies that are headquartered within the United States shall pay
2 international and immigrant workers at a set international wage standard for the
3 US.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** The international wage standard will be at 12 dollars an hour and shall be
5 adjusted to inflation every 5 years.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The US Department of Commerce will oversee and enforce the legislation.
7 A. Any company found to not comply can be fined up to 10,000 dollars per
8 worker.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Condemn Federal Public Land Order No. 7923

- 1 **WHEREAS** Many of this nation’s Indigenous tribes rely on resource extraction to support their
2 economies; and
- 3 **WHEREAS** Federal Public Land Order No. 7923 for Public Lands Withdrawal Surrounding Chaco
4 Culture National Historical Park Boundary (FPO 7923) robs the affected tribes of their
5 right to decide what amount of resource extraction, if any, is appropriate and necessary
6 in their territories; and
- 7 **WHEREAS** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in carrying out this order, is adding to centuries
8 of paternalism and condescension against this nation’s Indigenous Peoples; and
- 9 **WHEREAS** It is particularly ironic and insulting for an agency of the United States federal
10 government to make environmental decisions on behalf of Indigenous Peoples; and
- 11 **WHEREAS** This order has consequently met much criticism and controversy from Indigenous
12 Peoples of the Southwest; now, therefore be it
- 13 **RESOLVED** by the Congress here assembled that FLPO 7923 is condemned, not for its efforts to
14 protect cultural heritage, but for its failure to afford Indigenous Peoples critical autonomy
15 over their tribal lands; and be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress implores the BLM to rescind this order immediately; and be it
- 17 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress calls on all federal agencies to work harder to avoid exercising their
18 powers relative to Indigenous Peoples in paternalistic ways; and be it
- 19 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress also condemns and calls for the rescission of New Mexico
20 Executive Order No. 2023-002 Extending the Moratorium on New Oil and Gas and
21 Mineral Leasing in Greater Chaco Area for similar reasons.

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A Bill to Eradicate Chemical and Nuclear Capabilities

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will dispose of all chemical and nuclear weapons
2 currently in our possession.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. "Nuclear weapons" are defined as munitions or devices specifically
4 designed to inflict harm or cause death through the energy harnessed by
5 the splitting of atomic nuclei.

6 B. "Chemical weapons" are defined as munitions or devices specifically
7 designed to inflict harm or cause death through the release of toxic or
8 otherwise hazardous chemicals.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the disposal of all chemical
10 weapons within two years of the legislation's implementation and the
11 disposal of all nuclear weapons within five years of the legislation's
12 implementation.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect at the start of the fiscal year 2024.

14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Clarify Presidential Powers Relative to Treaties

1 **RESOLVED** That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United
2 States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
3 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from
4 the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE —

6 **SECTION 1.** Although, per Article II, Section II, of the Constitution, the President shall still require the
7 consent of two-thirds of the Senate to make or enter a treaty, no such Congressional
8 consent shall be required should the President wish to withdraw from a treaty.

9 **SECTION 2.** The President is, nevertheless, encouraged to seek and heed the advice of the Senate
10 when considering withdrawal from a treaty.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

A Bill to Establish Independent Redistricting Commission to Abolish Gerrymandering

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States hereby establishes Independent Redistricting
2 Commission in each of the 50 states to redraw congressional district lines every 10 years
3 following the U.S. Census Demographic shift. The Independent Redistricting Commission
4 will be created by the state.

5 **SECTION 2.** **A.** Independent Redistricting Commission will have its members selected to
6 reflect the state's geographical, racial, gender, and political diversity. The
7 commission would require 12 members, with four chosen from the two
8 major parties respectively and four independents. Any maps will have to
9 pass with 8 members in favor of the map in order to pass.

10 **B.** Each state will create its own independent redistricting commission.
11 State legislatures shall only reject the district map if these maps are found
12 to violate the state Constitution or the Constitution of the United States.

13 **C.** The independent commission will be established every ten years
14 according to the U.S. Census demographic survey.

15 **D.** In the case that these maps violate the constitution, redistricting
16 process will be done repeatedly until a map is approved.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission will work alongside states to implement
18 this bill. The Federal Election Commission will intervene if it's observed that there exist
19 any discrepancies in any of the terms listed above.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with
21 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.